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In re Application of:

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For: INCREASING THE HDL LEVEL

AND THE HDL/LDL RATIO IN

HUMAN SERUM BY BALANCING

SATURATED AND

POLYUNSATURATED DIETARY

FATTY ACIDS

Group Art Unit 1302

Examiner Paden, C.

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rejected the pending claims, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks in view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer and the attached Declaration of Guy Bradley, and reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-47 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 5,578,334, stating that the submitted Terminal Disclaimer was defective.

Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the attached new Terminal Disclaimer submitted under 37 CFR 1.321 (b) and (c). In light of this Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 23, 26, and 31-33 under 35 USC §112 second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The Examiner asserted that it is not understood what is meant by the recitation "Step 1 diet of the American Heart Association". Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider this rejection in light of the attached Declaration of Guy Bradley and the following remarks.

As demonstrated by the attached Declaration, the meaning of the phrase "Step 1 diet of the American Heart Association" is understood by those of ordinary skill in the art, in particular by those in the field of human nutrition. Specifically, the phrase indicates that the proportions of saturated fats, monounsaturated fats, and polyunsaturated fats as specified in the pending claims are consistent with the proportions of those fats in the Step 1 diet recommendations of the American Heart Association. As one of ordinary skill in the art

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understands the relative amounts of the specified fat types in the AHA Step I Diet, the cited phrase is not indefinite. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

In view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer and Declaration of Guy Bradley, and the above remarks, Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to that effect.

A petition requesting a one month extension of time and the fee for that extension, the Notice of Appeal, and the Terminal Disclaimer accompany this communication. No additional fee is believed due, however, if any additional fee is due, kindly charge the appropriate amount to Deposit Account No. 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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